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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

KELLEY NAMED STUDENT SERVICES EOM

CHARLESTON -- Vesta Kelley, a staff nurse II at the Health Service at Eastern Illinois University, has been named the Student Services "Employee of the Month."

The "Employee of the Month" is a nomination process within the Student Services division of Student Affairs which acknowledges exemplary performance.

The Student Services division is composed of employees from Health Service, Career Planning/Placement, Student Life, Campus Recreation, Student Legal Service and the University Union.

"The students who visit the Health Service treatment room consistently comment on Vesta's caring disposition and competent nursing skills. She is well respected among the staff as a leader and serves as an exemplary role model for those with whom she works," said Lynette Drake, Health Service director. "I am extremely pleased that Vesta was nominated and selected for such deserving

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recognition."

Kelley also works with the immunization program at Eastern's Health Service and has served as the head nurse for Premier Boy's State for the past 19 years.

She has been employed at Eastern for 18 years as a registered nurse and has been nursing for 43 years. She graduated from Mercy Hospital, currently Covenant Hospital in Champaign with an RN degree.

Throughout her nursing career, she has been active in the American Red Cross, local blood drives, cancer drives and has provided numerous school presentations. She has worked as a private duty nurse in Champaign, Paris and Charleston and on the medical surgical floor and in the emergency room at Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital when it was located in Charleston and in OB at Vermilion Hospital in Clinton, Ind.

Originally from Kansas, Kelley resides in Charleston. She has three children, six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.